

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

BERNARD E. SMITH,

Petitioner,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:07cv109

WARDEN JOE DRIVER

Respondent.

**ORDER
GRANTING APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

On August 14, 2007, *pro se* petitioner, Bernard E. Smith, filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2241. In addition, the petitioner filed an application for leave to proceed without prepayment of fees together a copy of his prison trust account statement which reveals that as of August 7, 2007, he had an account balance of \$0.22. The petitioner also indicates that has no assets and no source of income.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the petitioner's application to proceed without prepayment of fees (Dkt. 2) is **GRANTED**.

The Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this Order to the *pro se* petitioner.

DATED: August 15, 2007

/s/ James E. Seibert
JAMES E. SEIBERT
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE